

a tendency for the girls to prefer teaching to nursing, as they can usually get better pay, and are not bound for three years. Three girls have been received for training, with congenital hip-disease, and another with only one eye, and they have done their work equally well as those who were sound.

The girls have almost all graduated from the large American Mission School, and so have a good knowledge of English and housework, and have been under the influence of Christian teaching. It is impossible to train the nurses as would be done in England, for where there is only one American doctor, one Armenian doctor, and two foreign nurses to undertake the whole work, including housekeeping, there is not time. Neither is it possible to be as systematic as in England. For example, at 7 a.m. the doctor may be called to the city for a serious case, and on his return will find a man badly shot two days before; a long delay will be caused because his relatives object to an operation, and meanwhile all the patients in the wards are waiting to have their wounds dressed. The nurses have classes in practical nursing and physiology twice a week, and one in definitions, and short talks, and every Saturday evening the doctor gives the nurses a lecture, most of the teaching being in English. They have half-yearly examinations, and do remarkably well considering that English is a foreign language to them.

From the missionary point of view there are prayers (in Turkish) in the wards every morning and evening, and some of the girls from the schools come in twice a week to have talks with the patients. The work has resulted in some Armenians and Greeks learning to know Christ while in hospital, but the Mohammedans have been very difficult to influence, the difficulty of presenting the doctrine of the Holy Trinity being especially great. Still, the relations with the Mohammedans are very friendly, and they are coming to the hospital in increasing numbers, so that it is hoped that the Christian influence will tell more and more.

In concluding her lecture Miss Moore quoted the following words from a recent issue of *The Record*: "God's fair world of ours is a vast field, every one of His servants is a labourer, all have their appointed task; 'to every man his work'; each faithful servant has one object—his Master's will. 'It matters not,' said a workman, who was asked how he liked some unpleasant job, 'my Master wishes it and that is enough for me.' There are many kinds of work, from the hard toil of those who serve, to that of those who only stand and wait. After sowing comes reaping, after the seed-basket the basket of fruit. When our life is ended, which will it be? the empty basket of lost opportunities, or the ripe fruits of a useful life?—or, it may be, alas—the basket of seed waiting to be sown, but put aside till too late, which results only in worthless and rotten fruit."

ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL BRANCH.

On Tuesday evening, October 4th, the Second Anniversary Meeting of the Royal Southern Hospital (Liverpool) branch of the Nurses' Missionary League was held in the Lecture Room, attended by over sixty members of the Nursing profession and visitors. After a few opening remarks of kindly encouragement to those present by the chairman, the Rev. J. S. Cooper, in which he emphasised the value and power of the personal influence which the work of a nurse enables her to exercise, a short account of the year's work was given by Miss Jolley, the Matron, as President of the Branch.

The members number twenty-three, of whom seven are Volunteer Members and sixteen Home Associates. Two of the former having completed their general training, are now taking Maternity training, preparatory to their departure, one to China and the other to India.

Sixteen meetings have been held during the last twelve months, some conducted entirely by the members, and at others addresses were kindly given by Missionaries on furlough. One "all day" working party took place, which afforded not only interest but amusement, also called forth most gratifying expressions of gratitude from the recipients of its efforts.

Concluding, the Matron begged all to remember the nurse's life was a consecrated life, and the moment of deciding into which channel to direct the experience gained during the training one of serious responsibility, at which time it would be well to ask oneself two questions, "Where am I most needed? and For what work am I most suited?"

Dr. Nina Beath, of the Presbyterian Mission, Swaton, then gave a most interesting and inspiring address, describing her work and the customs of the people with great fervour and enthusiasm.

At the close of the meeting Dr. Beath had an opportunity of conversation with her audience while refreshments were served in the Committee Room.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Irish Nurses' Association has arranged for the following lectures to be held at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, October 25th, Mrs. George Cran, F.R.H.S., will speak on "Nursing in Canada," on November 24th, Dr. Douglas Good will take as his subject, "Massage in Diseases of the Circulation," and on December 10th Dr. O'Carroll will speak on "Fever."

We hope to publish next week the interesting lecture to trained nurses delivered at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest by Mr. George Thomson, L.D.S., Hon. Dental Surgeon, on October 17th.

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